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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Vietnam Activity

1. Attached for your information is a note I sent to the Secretary of Defense forwarding a brief wrap-up of current indicators prepared by [ ] for Brent Scowcroft at the latter's request. General Wickham called to ask for this as the transmittal note was coming out of the typewriter.

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2. [ ] session with Brent went very well. They talked for 15 minutes prior to Brent's going to the Vice President's office for a 1430 briefing that had been laid on before any of this Vietnam business came up. Scowcroft professed himself pleased with the intelligence alert and the Community's performance on this matter.

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3. [ ] called at about 1515 to "report" (his word) that DIA had given the Chiefs a briefing on Vietnam in the Tank at 1400. [ ] said it had gone very well and he and [ ] very much appreciated our telephonic alert this morning after my conversation with Schlesinger since -- as a result -- they had the briefing virtually prepared when DIA got the crash request to present it on short notice.

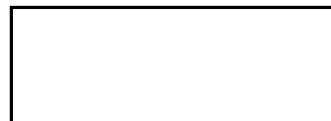
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4. General Wickham called about 1535 to say that Schlesinger had [ ] note and it was exactly what he wanted. Schlesinger recognized that the Intelligence Community was running up a warning flag, reviewing evidence open to several levels of interpretation and not necessarily proving that a major offensive was imminent, but nonetheless Schlesinger had felt the matter should be taken seriously -- particularly in light of Hanoi's possible readings of current U.S. domestic difficulties.

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